

OLDEST, YOUNGEST, ETC. IN 2000...

Oldest Bride: 95 years Youngest Bride: 13 years
Oldest Groom: 97 years Youngest Groom: 16 years
Oldest Mother: 53 years Youngest Mother: 10 years
Oldest Father: 83 years Youngest Father: 14 years

Oldest Male Decedent: 111 years Oldest Female Decedent: 109 years

Highest Birth Order: 14 Largest Live Birth: 7077 grams (appx. 15 lbs. 9 oz.)

EACH DAY IN LOUISIANA IN 20001...

185 Live Births112 Deaths1 Fetal Death30 to teens aged 15 through 1931 from heart disease1 Infant Deaths84 to unmarried mothers25 from cancer31 Induced Abortions19 low weight births5 from unintentional injuries111 Marriages

47 cesarean sections 2 from motor vehicle injuries

1 from homicide

LOUISIANA AND THE UNITED STATES IN 2000...

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Vital Event	Louisiana	States
Live Births		
Birth Rate per 1,000 population	15.2	14.8
Teen Birth Rate per 1,000 women aged 15 through 19	62.0	48.7
Percent of total births to Unmarried Women	45.6%	33.2%
Percent of total births with 1 st Trimester Entry into Prenatal Care	83.3%	83.2%
Percent of total births that were Low Weight (<2500 grams or 5lbs. 8oz.)	10.7%	7.6%
Percent of total births delivered by Cesarean method	26.6%	22.0%
Fetal Deaths		
Fetal Mortality Rate (20+ weeks gestation- NCHS definition)	6.9	N.A.
Deaths		
Age-Adjusted Death Rate per 100,000 (2000 Standard Population) for:		
Heart Disease	286.7	257.5
Cancer	226.9	200.5
Stroke	62.5	60.2
Accidents	45.6	33.9
Diabetes	41.3	24.2
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	41.6	44.9
Pneumonia and Influenza	24.6	24.3
Homicide	13.1	5.8
HIV Infection	8.9	5.2
Nephritis	22.8	13.7
Infant Mortality		
Infant Mortality Rate	8.9	6.9

N.A. = Not Available

¹ Note that numbers are approximate averages, they are derived from dividing total numbers of each event by 365 days a year. All results from the division are rounded down which may decrease the total number for the event.

SUMMARY OF VITAL EVENTS IN 2000

POPULATION SUMMARY

State population: 4,468,976

Louisiana has the 22nd largest population among the fifty states. After a loss in population during the late 1980s, the number of people living in Louisiana has risen to levels seen in the early 1980s.

Percent of population in race group: 63.9% white, 32.5% black, 3.6% other race

The national breakdown by race is 82.2% white, 12.8% black, and 5.0% other race.

LIVE BIRTH SUMMARY

Number of births: 67,843

This is an increase of 1.2% from the 67,034 births in 1999. This number is far below the 1982 high of 84,531 births.

Birth Rate: 15.2 live births per 1,000 population

This is the third lowest state birth rate in this half century, equal to the 1998 rate of 15.3. The 1995 and 1996, were lower at 14.7 and 15.0.

Fertility Rate: 67.4 live births per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years

The fertility rate has dropped 16.1% since the 1981 rate of 80.2, and 5.9 % since the 1991 rate of 71.6.

Number of births to teens aged 15-19 years: 11,255

This is a slight drop from the 11,492 births to teens aged 15-19 that occurred in 1999.

Birth Rate in teens aged 15-19 years: 62.0 live births per 1,000 women aged 15-19

Although this is similar to the 1999 rate of 62.6, the birth rate for 15-19 year olds has fallen substantially during the 1990s, with a drop of 18.3 % from the 1991 rate of 75.9.

Percent of births to single mothers: 45.6% of total live births

This is a slight increase from the 1999 figure of 44.7%. The percentage of births to single mothers in 2000 is 18.7% higher than the 1991 level of 38.4% of total live births.

Percent of live births receiving prenatal care in the first trimester: 83.3% of total live births

The percent of live births receiving prenatal care in the first trimester has risen steadily during the 1990s, up 11.7% from its 1991 level of 74.6% of total live births. It is slightly lower than the 1999 figure of 83.9%.

Percent of live births less than 2500 grams: 10.6% of total live births

In recent years, Louisiana has seen a steady rise in the percent of low birth weight babies, up from 9.4% of total births in 1992, 9.6% in 1994, and 9.9% in 1996.

Percent of live births delivered by cesarean section: 26.6% of total live births

Final 2000 data collected by the National Center for Health Statistics report a US rate of 22.9% of live births by cesarean deliveries.

SPONTANEOUS FETAL DEATH SUMMARY (20+ weeks gestation or 350+ grams)

Number of fetal deaths: 487

This is a decrease from 1999's 521 fetal deaths and 1998's 495 fetal deaths

Fetal Mortality Rate: 7.1 fetal deaths per 1,000 live births plus fetal deaths.

REPORTED INDUCED TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY SUMMARY

Number of reported induced terminations performed in Louisiana: 11,384

This is a decrease of 624 from the 12,008 terminations reported in the state in 1999.

DEATH SUMMARY

Number of deaths: 40,928

This figure is similar to the 1999 death count of 40,976. There has been a slow, steady increase in the number of deaths in the state over the past two decades. (There were 35,554 deaths in 1980 and 37,375 deaths in 1990.)

Crude Death Rate: 915.8 deaths per 100,000 population

In 1999, the crude death rate was reported at 937.2 deaths per 100,000 population. For the previous five years, the crude death rate has remained stable, at approximately 919 deaths per 100,000 population.

Ten Leading Causes of Death - - Crude and Age-Adjusted Death Rates

The ten leading causes of death and their associated rates are:

Cause of Death	Crude Rate Per 100,000 Population	Age-Adjusted Rate per 100,000 (2000 Standard Population)
Heart Disease	258.8	286.7
Cancer	209.4	226.9
Stroke	55.8	62.5
Accidents	44.5	45.6
Diabetes	37.8	41.3
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	37.6	41.6
Influenza and Pneumonia	21.7	24.6
Nephritis	20.6	22.8
Alzheimer's Disease	18.1	20.9
Septicemia	17.3	19.2

INFANT MORTALITY SUMMARY

Number of infant deaths: 603

Although the past 20 years has seen a steady overall decrease in the number of infant deaths (in 1980 there were 1175 infant deaths, and in 1990 there were 796), in 2000 there were 15 less deaths than the 618 that occurred in 1999.

Infant Mortality Rate: 8.9 infant deaths per 1,000 live births

The 2000 infant mortality rate was slightly lower than the 1999 rate of 9.2. During the 1980s, there was a steady decline in the state's infant mortality, from 14.3 in 1980 to 11.5 in 1989. In the 1990s this rate of decline has slowed.

MATERNAL MORTALITY SUMMARY

Number of Maternal Deaths: 5

During the 1990s, the number of maternal deaths each year has fluctuated between 2 and 14. Between 1990 and 2000, there were 73 maternal deaths.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE SUMMARY

Number of Marriages: 40, 561

This is an increase of 782 marriages from the 41,343 marriages that occurred in 1999. During the 1990s, the number of marriages each year has fluctuated around 40,000.

Number of Covenant Marriages: 469

This is the third full year in which Louisiana residents have been given a choice between a traditional marriage and a covenant marriage. This choice became available to Louisiana residents on August 14, 1997. There were 30 less covenant marriages in 2000 than the 499 in 1999.

Number of Divorces (reported by 55 out of 64 parishes): 14,923

Because divorce reports were submitted by 86% of the 64 parishes in Louisiana this year, divorce counts are underreported.